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# PARRELLA'S

## 1958 DAHLIA CATALOGUE



**Kemp's Memorial**

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*The*  
**PARRELLA**

**DAHLIA GARDENS**

*presents the following introductions from our Gardens and  
other growers, for the Season of 1958*

**KEMP'S MEMORIAL (Kemp - Swoboda - Parrella)**

Kemp's Memorial is an Informal Decorative with an exceptionally high center, a blended autumn gold color with soft bluish undertones. It grows normally 5 - 6 feet tall in well spreading bushes, holding the immense blooms in an ideal three-quarter-facing position on canelike stems high above the deep-green leathery foliage.

Three years ago, before Daddy Kemp of Little Silver, N. J., died, he gave what he considered "the best seedling he ever originated" to his life-long friends, Mr. and Mrs. A. Swoboda of Ridgefield Park, N. J. with the request "to grow it in his memory."

The Swobodas who placed many of Daddy Kemp's introductions in the winner classes on the show tables, grew this wonderful dahlia for three successive seasons and everybody who saw it in their garden said: "There is nothing like it."

The stock was never propagated, but always grown from clump divisions under natural conditions, without forcing and nobody else has any of it.

Field grown blooms are normally 12 inches in diameter and 7 to 8 inches deep; under cultivation and using fertilizers sparingly, the bushes will produce blooms 16 inches in diameter and 10 inches deep.

Kemp's Memorial is a prolific rootmaker, but has to be planted early for early blooms. Specific growing instructions for best results will be given with every order.

There has never been anything like this magnificent dahlia in the true autumn color class and in order to give it the widest possible introduction in memory of Daddy Kemp we are offering for the first time,

**Roots @ \$15.00 net Plants @ \$ 5.00 net**

**SOME OF THE LATEST AUSTRALIAN VARIETIES**

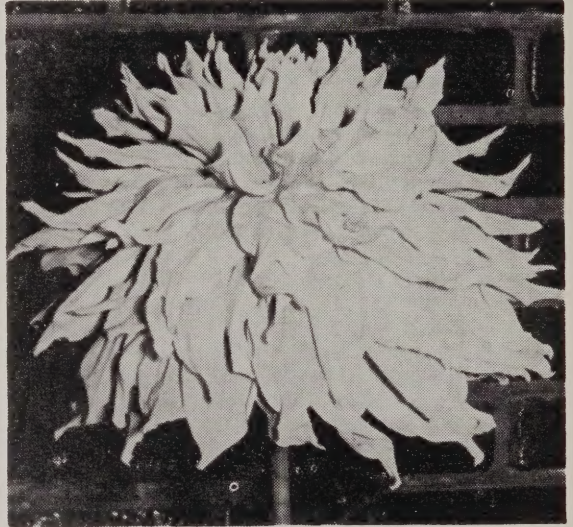
**CROYDON MONARCH** Brand Australia F. D., I. D.—The originator claims this is the biggest dahlia ever blooms abundantly, size 14x7. Vigorous grower with heavy leathery foliage of rich deep green. Color salmon red. Strong, rigid stems. Hold blooms clear above foliage, height 5 feet. **Plant \$5.00 net**

**CROYDON PURITY** Brand Australia F. D.—Giant of purest white 12" blooms. Facing on perfectly clean stems are produced on rugged branching plants. Keeps well when cut. Revels in hot, dry condition, height 4 feet. **Plant \$5.00 net**

**CROYDON MARVEL** Brand I. D.—Shades of lavender and cerise, size 14x6½. Main stems are short, must be grown to side stalks. Very healthy foliage, height 4 feet. **Plant \$4.00 net**

**CROYDON OLD ROSE** F. D. to I. D.—Tryian purple, size 12x5½. Strong stems holds blooms over 4½ feet. **Plant \$4.00 net**

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**KEMP'S MEMORIAL**



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**The more you do for the dahlia in the growing season, the more the dahlia will do for you in the blooming season.**

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**GRACE HAY** Brand I.D.—Large deep rose red in size 11x5. Strong short growing plant, main stems short. Should be grown to side bud. **Plant \$4.00 net**

**CROYDON DELICE** Brand Australia—Giant pink cactus plant vigorous and free branching, blooms freely up to 10". Stems are perfect. **Plant \$4.00 net**

**CROYDON ECLIPSE** F.D. Australia—Lovely lemon yellow formal. Good growing plant, clean foliage. Good for garden or exhibition. Blooms keep well. **Plants \$2.00**  
Plants 4' Size 9x5.

**EILEEN LUCY**—A huge orange scarlet on fairly long good stems. Plants 4½' tall. **Plant \$2.00**

**THE MASTER** F. D.—Huge sunset amber shaded bronze tall grower, good stems, Good show flower. **Plant \$2.00**

**EARLWOOD** Australia F. D.—Deep primrose yellow of good form and good stems. Good early and late, size 9x4. **Plant \$2.00**

**HARRY KING** Australia—Deep reddish purple formal on good stems. Possibly one of the best from Australia, size 8x5. **Plant \$3.00**

**MRS. W. STOW**—Scarlet and gold dec. Good stems and growth **Plant \$2.00**

**GEORGE MCGREGOR** S-C—Beautiful blooms of primrose yellow, heavy Australian winner. **Plant \$3.00**

**YELLOWIN** Cactus—Large blooms of rich yellow on good stems 8x5. Comes well recommended from Australia. **Plant \$4.00**

**UCHUU** (Nakaniski-Yoshida-Parrella) F.D.

Rose Red. Size 12 x 7 or larger. Cane stems 10 to 12". blooms facing. Seedling of Mrs. Hester Pape. Height 6 feet. Won Certificate, A.D.S. Trial Garden, Farmingdale 1957.

**Root \$15.00 net Plant \$5.00 net**



**UCHUU-A-FD**

**VERA SEYFANG** (Baynes) Another Rocky River exclusive from Australia. 10 inch formal of light mallow rose with a neat array of petaloids of the same color. Very distinctive. Flowers have very good depth and substance is unusually good for an "A" size variety. Strong, nicely proportioned, dark stems hold blooms facing, to up. Robust plants with dark green, waxy foliage. American Home Achievement Medal & Seedling Sweepstakes Award at Cleveland and 25 Certificates of Merit at 5 different trial grounds.

**Plants only \$5.00 net**



**SON OF VOLUNTEER** (Bowen-Parrella)—I.D. to S.C. Face velvety Cardinal Red, reverse Magenta. Size 11x5½. 8 to 10" stems hold flowers facing. Won A.D.S. Certificate, Farmingdale, 1957. Height 5 feet.

Root \$15.00 net, Plant \$5.00 net



**SON OF VOLUNTEER**

**ROYAL ROBE OAKLEIGH GARDENS** (A-I.D.-Var.) Informal Decorative, Mal-low Rose splashed with Spectrum Red. Diameter 8x10½ inches. Depth 4x6 inches. Stems 8-12 inches, strong, thick, straight. Flowers facing to half facing. Health excellent, habit branching. Floriferousness good. SCORES: East Lansing—85. Plants only \$5.00 net

**HELEN M** (Schanebeck-Brieger-Ruschmohr)—This is a Dahlia that is very much needed in the A type dark blend class in which there is very few. The size of the blooms run 10 by 6 inches. The color is a deep Persian rose, overlaid with an orchid purple. It is a seedling of Quinn's Tidal Wave. The plants are very healthy with heavy dark green leathery foliage. Plants are 5½ feet tall. Received Certificate of Merit at two (2) trial grounds

Plants only \$5.00 net

**JIMMY CRERAR** (Kelly-Parrella)—F.D. 8½x4½. Deep blooms on 10 to 12" cane stems. Red with orange shading. 5 feet. Root \$10.00 net Plant \$3.00 net

**PURPLE GEM** (Slocum-Parrella)—Attractive purple pom with a slightly tinted white base. Size 1½ inches. Won gold medal certificate scoring 85.2 at North Jersey Show. Also was awarded "cup" at Asbury Park, N. J. for vase of 20 poms. Also first at Washington show 1957

Root \$3.00 net Plant \$1.50 net

### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

If there is any variety that you're interested in and don't find listed, write to us, we may be able to accommodate you, as we have many more varieties but only in small quantities, and that is why we have not listed them.

**PRICES IN THIS CATALOGUE ARE CORRECT.**

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Copper Wired dahlia labels painted one side, \$1.00 per hundred, \$7.50 per thousand. These are the kind we use for ourselves, and are very satisfactory.

Special Pencil: "Waterproof" will resist any kind of weather. 15c each.



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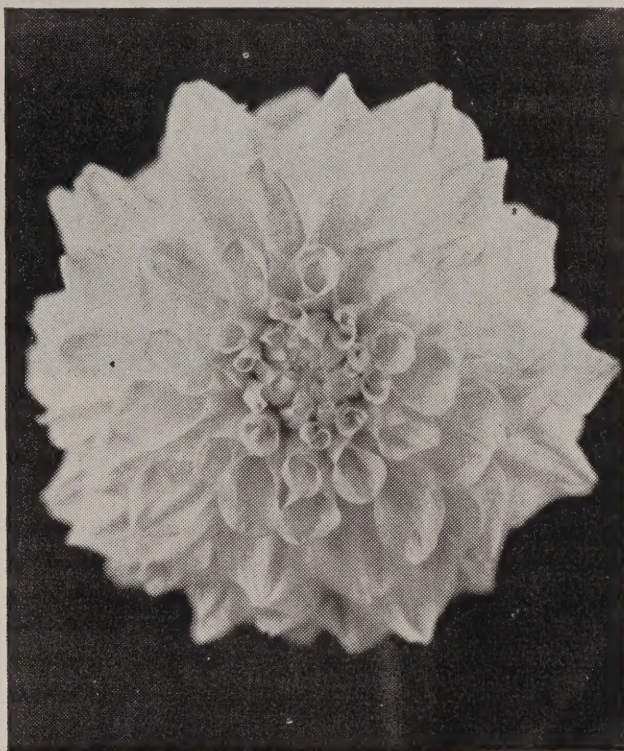
If you like to have your garden looking beautiful during the summer and fall  
you will have to give them some thought now.

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GENERAL LIST OF STANDARD VARIETIES  
LARGE FLOWERING TYPE

The varieties listed herein are positively the best stock that can be procured anywhere, at any price, as these tubers are not forced, or from over propagated stock, and are GUARANTEED to be true to name, healthy, and full of life, vim, and vitality.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS: F. D.—Formal Decorative; S. C.—Semi-Cactus;  
I. D.—Informal Decorative; St. C.—Straight Cactus.



**ALABASTER (Tomczak-Parrella)**

F. D.—A new white seedling of The Real Glory and a new beauty. Size 8 x 5. There is a creamy glow from center of the bloom that gives it a soft, rich, waxy look that is just beautiful. Although formal, petals are cupped enough to give bloom an artistic formation. Flowers are held facing up on perfect stems about 9 inches above a strong, vigorous, branching plant with rich, green foliage. Blooms have very good substance. Winner of Achievement Medal at Washington, D. C. show and Seedling Award at Long Island show 1952. Also First and Tri-Color at Long Island show 1951.

Roots \$2.50

Plants \$1.25

**ALABASTER**

**ADA. N. (Robens)**—Very large purple S. C. to I. D. Has been grown to 14½" by 10¼". Unusually prolific for a large flowered variety. Tall grower.

Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25

**ALL AMERICAN (Salem)** S. C.—Mulberry rose, with wax yellow at base of petals. Huge blooms are carried on best of stems. A prize winner. Grows about 5 feet.

Roots \$1.50

**ALVAS WONDER**—I. C. Salmon Pink on cream base. Prolific Garden variety. Size 8" x 4".

Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25

**AMONIER CHANDELON (St. C.)**—Rose. Very attractive

Root \$1.00

**AMOS KIRBY A Large Inf.**—Purple shading to pansy purple. A good grower and a good variety size 10" x 5".

Root \$2.00

**ANDRIES WONDER**—Yellow and pink, purple red tips curving inwards, different, large and profuse bloomer on good stems.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

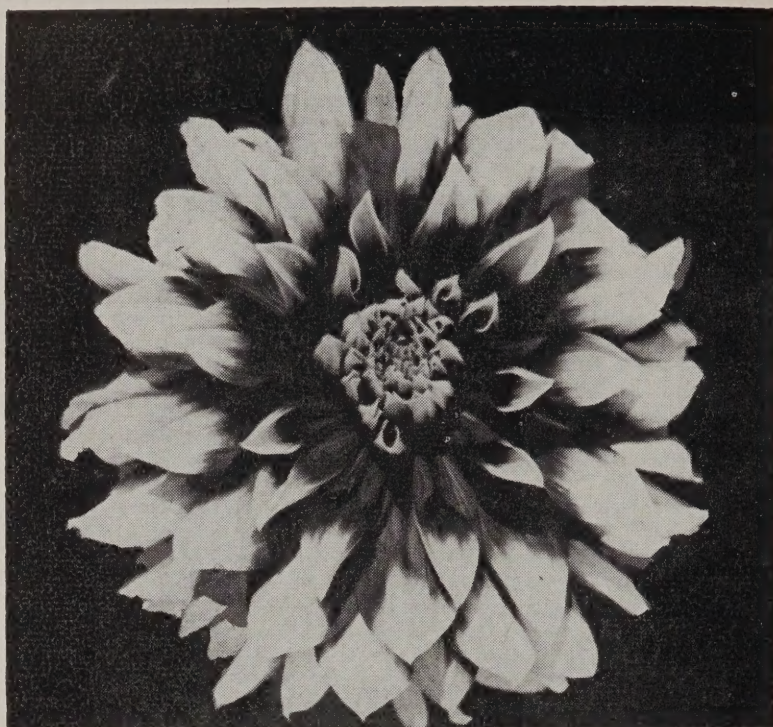
**ARTHUR GODFREY (Dahliadel)**—This is a flower of immense size. Color of orient red with buff shadings. Claimed to be about the largest formal ever grown—If you like them big—this is it.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00



**ANNA PARRELLA**  
(Rolloff-Parrella) — Informal decorative. A dark red and white bi-color. Cardinal red with generous white tips. Size 7½ x 3½ inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Blooms heading. Bush 4 ft. Quite a profuse bloomer, early and late. This lovely dahlia has been named in memory of Anna Parrella.

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00



**ANNA PARRELLA—B.-F.D. Bi-Color**

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|---|-------------|--------------|
| <b>AUSSIE SNOWBALL I. D. F.</b> —White large  | Root \$3.00 | Plant \$1.50 |
| <b>AUTUMN BLAZE I. D.</b> —Oriental red, chrome yellow, very large.   | Root \$2.00 | Plant \$1.00 |
| <b>AXFORD TRIUMPH I. D.</b> —Autumn Tan, large  |             | Root \$1.50  |
| <b>BELLE DAME ST. C</b> —Very beautiful salmon pink   |             | Root \$1.50  |
| <b>BETTY BLOSSOM</b> (Rindfleisch-Ruschmohr)—Formal decorative, creamy white tinted Persian rose. Size 8 by 5 inches. Bush 5 feet. A vigorous and clean grower. Early and late bloomer. Strong stem holding bloom facing to 45° well above foliage. Winner of Flower Grower Leonard Barron Memorial Trophy and American Home Achievement Medal at New York. |             |              |
|   | Root \$2.00 | Plant \$1.00 |
| <b>BIG MO</b> (Roberts-Ruschmohr)—Straight cactus Indian Lake and carmine red, almost black. Size 12 by 6 inches, could be grown larger. Stems 10 to 15 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush 5 feet. Won American Home Achievement award at Long Island and Southtown, Chicago shows.  |             |              |
|   | Root \$4.00 | Plant \$2.00 |
| <b>BLACK MONARCH I.D.</b> —Large Black-Red. Long stems. Size 11½" x 6", bush 4 feet. Exhibition flower.   | Root \$2.00 | Plant \$1.00 |
| <b>BLUE RIVER</b> (Salem) F. D.—Color, deep lilac, or bluish mauve. Good size bloom on good stems. Height 4 feet.   |             | Root \$1.00  |
| <b>BLUE VICTORY I. C.</b> —Artistic Bluish Lavender   | Root \$2.00 | Plant \$1.00 |

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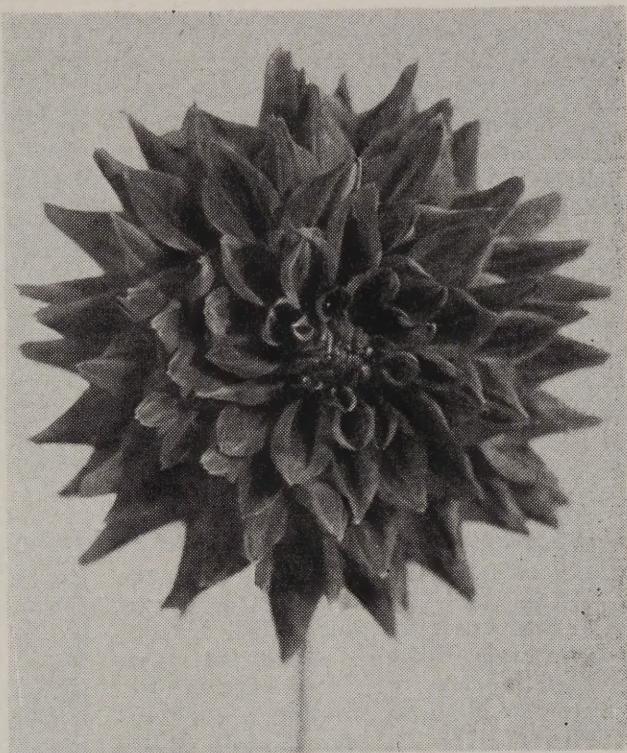
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If, however, you have been a customer of ours in the past and desire our catalog don't hesitate to write for it. We shall be glad to mail it to you.



**BORAM'S PRIDE** (Boram-Parrella)—Semi-cactus. Size 7" x 4". Stems 8" to 10" hold blooms about 45° angle. Color chrysanthemum crimson shaded darker ox-blood red to center. Free bloomer early and late. Good substance. Keeps well. A good garden flower. At Cincinnati, Ohio show in 1954 this variety scored 85.5.



Root \$3.00

Plant \$1.25

**BORAMS MOONLITE** S. C.—Golden Orange medium size, perfect stems a beauty in itself.

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.00

**BORAMS WONDER** (Boram)—Huge, long petaled Tyrian purple S. C. early, prolific, vigorous, perfect stems. This is an American Home Achievement Medal winner.

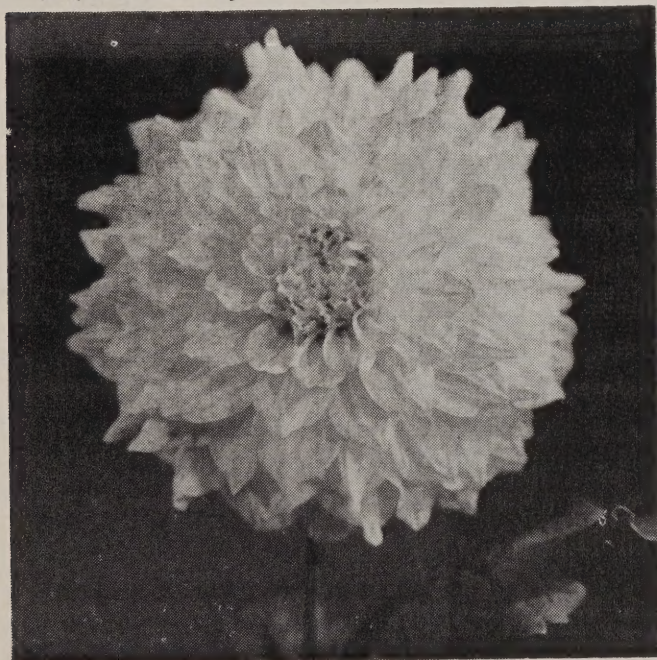
Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00

**BRIASO** S-C—Red, white tips, attractive bi-color.

Root \$1.00

**BURNBRAE MEMORIES** F. D.—Very large yellow from Australia. A real good variety.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50



**BORAM'S SUNRISE** (Boram-Parrella) — F. D. Size 10" x 6½". This is a thickly petalled bloom held up on strong 10" stems. Some blooms on top, Color primrose yellow shading deeper to center. A deep flower and a good exhibition variety. Bush about 4½ feet.

Root \$5.00

Plant \$2.50

BORAM'S SUNRISE



**CAROLINE KERNOCHAN I. D.** (Fioretti-Parrella) — This medium size dahlia which for the last three years has been a sensation at the A.D.S. N. Y. Shows and a constant winner of first, special and medal. For those who have seen this dahlia no introduction is necessary. But for those who have not seen it, let me say it is something entirely different from what you have ever seen before. The blend of the color combination is entirely new and unusually exquisite. No words can give an accurate description. Color — center pale Lemon Yellow. Outer petals blushed deep Rose Red. A fine growing plant with insect resisting foliage. Blooms are held facing on long cane-like stems. Size of blooms 7 inches. Height 4½ ft. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Root \$2.00

Plant \$1.00



#### CAROLINE KERNOCHAN

**CAROLINE M.** (Moore-Rocky River) A quality informal of rare beauty. Blooms in the ten inch range. A blend of lavender, orchid, cream and lighter centers. Twisting petals are distinctly notched. Shown seven times in seedling competition, it won five AMERICAN HOME Achievement Medals.

Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00

**CALIFORNIA IDOL I. D.**—Yellow. An old variety of large size. Root \$1.00

**CHEROKEE BEAUTY** (Ricks-Dahl 86A), FD, M, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 3½ ft. An outstanding Formal Decorative of a pleasing begonia pink. Clearer and more intense pink than Kelvin. Has distinctive foliage and is a wonderful propagator of green plants. Naturally a vigorous grower and does best in regular garden culture.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

**CHEROKEE BRAVE** (Ricks-Dahliadei)—Large ox-blood red. About 11". Height 5½ feet. One of the best of the oldsters.

Root \$1.00

**CAROL I. D.**—Very large purple. A good bloomer and a desirable variety.

Root \$2.00

**CLARIAN ROYALTY St. C**—Purple a good size and beautifully formed flower.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**COMMANDO F. D.**—Phlox purple. Strong grower and good bloomer. Size 10" to 11"

Root \$1.00

**COVER GIRL** (Hulin-Parrella)—F. D. Mauve violet with generous white tips. Size of blooms 10" x 4½". Cane stems hold flowers on side. Bush grows about 4½ feet. Different and attractive.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

**CROWNING GLORY I. C.** (S. D. G.)—Rose pink, with cream center and one of the most beautiful dahlias ever originated. Blooms 10" to 12" with good depth. Height 5 feet.

Root \$2.00



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**Parrella Dahlias Known and Grown the World Over! There's a Reason!**

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**CROYDONS MASTERPIECE F. D.**—This sensational dahlia is not only one of the largest, but is perfect in every way. Grows 12" easily with great depth. Free flowering for a large variety and blooms "can take it" in rainy weather. Color is salmon orange with coppery tan shades. Good grower.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**D DAY F. D.**—A soft shade of pink. Size 7" x 4". This is an excellent cut flower on long straight stems.

Root \$1.00

**DAVE PLATT F. D. to Ball (Fioretti-Parella)**—Color white with pink flush at center. Vigorous grower, that gives lots of blooms, early and late flowers, of very good substance and are ideal for florists' use. Size 3" to 4".

Root \$1.00

**DEBUT (Merrill Brown) F D.**—A vigorous plant with blooms 11" x 7" of primrose yellow. Winner at Rochester, N. Y., Cleveland, East Liverpool, and Wellsville, Ohio. One of the good yellows.

Root \$2.00 Plant 1.00

**DESIREE DRAPS**—St. cactus. Color lively pink. The frilled petals are waved and faintly edged yellow. A free blooming plant of good habits. Height 3½ feet.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**DELROSE I. D.**—White with petals bordered yellow. Very different and beautiful bloom. Certified at East Lansing.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

**DAN'L DEL ROI ALBERT F. D.**—Purple tipped white, very outstanding.

Root .75

**DIXIE WINE DOT I. D.**—White with dots of rosy magenta.

Root \$2.00

**DONALD VAN DEMARK (Parrella)**—F. D. A very large, deep, formal bloom about 11" x 6", some blooms larger. Color purplish red or wine red, with darker shadings. Good bloomer early and late with excellent stems. Won gold premium in seedling class at Long Island Show in 1954.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

**DORA McCANN** — Parrella. Formal decorative. Color deep lavender, described as Persian Rose with lighter tone of same color blended. Size 8 x 4½ inches; stems cane-like, 10 to 12 inches; bush 4½ ft., spreading. Only has three competitors for the show table. Awarded Seedling Sweepstake at Long Island Show in 1956. This is a good garden variety as well as an exhibition flower. Was named for Dora McCann of "McCanns at Home" WOR Radio Program.

Root \$5.00  
Plant \$2.00



**DORA McCANN**



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**The Marvelous Dahlia is Not Only a Man's Flower—A Lady's as Well.**

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**DR. J. BEYER** (Zourek-Parrella) I. D.—Color of this variety is difficult to describe. Seems to be a blend of carrot red, straw yellow and apricot with deeper tones showing a reverse of petals. The 11"x6" blooms are well formed with high centers. The robust plants have dark green foliage and grow about 5 feet with stems strong as steel rods. **Roots \$2.00    Plants \$1.00**

**EDNA D.**—A huge straight cactus of bright rose red. A tall strong grower with heavy dark green foliage, petals not too tightly rolled. Good in garden and on show tables. Size 11" to 12" x 5". If you like a great big red, here it is. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**

**EL DORADO** (Gaylord-Dahl)—B.S.C., E. Bloom 8 x 4. Bush 5 ft. Most outstanding in the trial grounds and Mr. Gaylord's garden. A bi-color of lovely marigold orange deepened with lines of capsicum red, with long white tips. There is surely nothing like it. It has nice long straight stems and dark foliage. Certified in 4 trials, on Mr. Dudley's Honor Roll and Mr. Webb's Review. **Root \$5.00    Plant \$2.00**

**ELSIE B** (Bracht-Ruschmohr)—Semi-cactus, pink described as camellia rose with a little white at its center. Size, 11 by 5½ inches, with 10- to 12-inch stems, which hold blooms facing or at slight up angle. Bush height 5 feet. Good habits of growth except late blooming. **Root \$7.50    Plant \$3.00**

**FIGARO A-SC-Var.** Reputed to be a seedling of Satan, with many of the good characteristics of the parent, and none of the faults. The color is a golden-yellow, flecked and streaked red. The flowers are very large, and most striking in appearance. Stems and plant growth are excellent. **Root \$2.00**

**FIRST LADY** (Comstock)—A medium size formal decorative of Dresden yellow. Blooms 7½ inches, with numerous petals which roll completely back to the stem, giving the bloom unusual depth. Early and prolific with great uniformity of quality. A Certificate of Merit variety which is also listed on all four Honor Rolls. **Roots \$3.00    Plant \$1.50**

**5 STAR GENERAL** (Ramage-Ruschmohr) F. D.—A huge bloom in a blend of pink shades and maize yellow. Vigorous plant with strong stems. Received two trial ground certificates and listed in 3 Honor Rolls. **Root \$1.50**

**FLORISTS' BEAUTY** (Parrella) F. D. This is a purple with white tips and about the best dahlia we know of for the florists' trade, as it will last a week after being cut. Beautiful bloom too. Size 6" to 7". Awarded gold medal of New York Florists' Club with a score of 88 points **Root \$1.50**

**FRIEDENGRUSZ**—Cactus. That is different and distinctive in formation. Petals are long and rolled and somewhat incurved. Color is creamy white. A very attractive and appealing flower. Size 9 x 4½. Height 4 ft. **Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50**

**FLASSIE H.**—F.D.—Good size, blooms on good erect strong stems. Creamy yellow base of petals. Flushed rose on outside. A beautiful bloom. Trial Ground Certificate and Honor Roll. **Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50**

**FUJIYAMA** (Endow-Parrella)—I. D., Variegated—Base color Indian yellow. Lined, dotted and speckled with cardinal red. Some petals are half red lengthwise. Attractively colored blooms are held facing on good cane like stems. Good grower and good bloomer. Size 7½" x 4". **Root \$3.50    Plant \$1.50**

**FRED SPRINGER** F. D. — Red Hedge Dahlia **Root .75**

**FRESCO**, 4½ - 5 feet. A-exhibition cactus. Purest pink that deepens to center. Perfect serrated A-Dahlia; wide and deep 10" blooms. An immense cushion of evenly fimbriated floret tips **Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50**



**GAY F.D.** (Wengert-Parrella)—Lemon yellow. Size 7 x 3½ inches. Stems 8 to 10 inches. Excellent keeping qualities. Profuse bloomer and can be grown to 8 to 10 canes to produce crop of blooms early and late. Won gold medal at New York Florists Club. **Root \$1.00**

**GIANT BEAUTY** (Marlow-Lundgren Rock River)—I. D. to F. D. Dark rose, Tinted buff, supposedly very large 13½ x 7½. Certified in California, Long Island, and Cincinnati Trial Grounds last season. Probably will win largest in show. **Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00**

**GIANT OF BAARN** (Holland)—S. C. Crimson Red. Big Blooms on long strong stems. A splendid garden variety. **Root \$1.50**

**GOLD COIN** (Pape-Rock 86A)—Bloom 9½" x 5", bush 4½ ft. Lovely light chrome yellow with a faint rose suffusion at center. Tightly rolled petals are decidedly incurved. Very good substance. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

**GRANDMASTER BERGER** S. C.—Deep pink, creamy centers. **Root \$1.50**

**GLORIA F. D.**—Lavender. A very large and nicely formed Dahlia. **Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50**

**GRANDEZZA** I. C.—A beautiful Dahlia to have in your garden **Root \$1.00**

**GYPSY GIRL** (Parrella) F. D.—Rosaline purple, flecked with dahlia purple. Bloom has good form and substance and held well up in good stems. Won Flower Grower Trophy and A.D.S. Silver Medal Certificate. Good commercial variety. Size 4½" x 2½". Profuse bloomer. **Root \$1.00**

**HART'S WHIRLAWAY** (Hart Hulin) I. C.—Yellow blended apricot. The 9" x 4" bloom is made up of beautiful, whirling petals. Substance and stems are good. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

**HONEY BEAR** (Dahilladel) I. D.—Bloom 11" x 5". Saffron yellow. Deepening to orange at center. Bush growth vigorous and healthy. Excellent substance. Keep days when cut. **Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.50**



**HENRY Z.**

**HENRY Z.** (Zourek-Parrella)  
—F. D. Canary yellow bush  
5 to 5½ feet. Size of blooms  
9½x5". Blooms are held at  
45 degree angle, also some  
on top. Flowers have good  
substance. Stems are dark,  
long and strong. Here is a  
yellow that is different. In-  
ner petals are fluted and  
back petals recurve to the  
stem forming a very beauti-  
ful and unusual flower. Foli-  
age is dark green, leathery  
and insect resistant. Listed  
on Mr. Faust's Honor Roll.

**Root \$2.50  
Plant \$1.25**



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**Green, Black and Blue Dahlias as yet Don't Exist. Any Other Color? Sure,  
You'll Find it in my List.**

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- HOUSE OF ORANGE F.D.**—Pure orange color. Excellent cut flower and profuse bloomer. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**
- IRENE RICH "A" S. C. (Parrella)**—Color, rose bengal blended apricot, with cadmium range. General effect, bright rose red. An artistic and beautiful dahlia with lacerated petals and a distinct new color. A Gold Medal certificate winner at A.D.S. Show, N. Y. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**
- ISLIP PURITY F. D.**—White cut flower. An excellent cut flower of good size. Blooms profusely early and late. Bushes are vigorous. **Root \$1.25**
- JANE COWL (Downs) I. D.**—A large bronzy buff and gold. Old but still good. **Root 50c**
- JANE LAUSCHE (Rocky River) S. C.** Bi-color of rosy mauve tipped white. Size about 11" x 6". A beautiful flower that wins at all shows. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**
- JANETT BECKET S. C.**—A beautiful yellow on a good stem. **Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50**
- JOHN ADAM KERNOCHAN (Fioretti - Parrella) F. D.** — Bi-color garnet red tipped white. Blooms are B size and have good substance and are held facing on good stems. **Root \$1.00**
- KELVIN I. D.** — About the biggest and best dahlia to come from Australia. Color about peach pink. Robust plants with large foliage. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**
- KELVIN ROSE (Aust.) S. C.**—Huge blooms of salmon rose held facing on strong stems, over a vigorous bush. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**
- KENTUCKY SPORTSMAN I. D.**—Amber and white. **Root \$1.25**
- KIDD'S KLIMAX F.D.**—Yellow and suffused mauve. Large round blooms are held above foliage on strong stems. **Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00**
- KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD**—A big buff and gold. Early and prolific. Size 10" x 5". **Root \$1.50**



**LADY OF THE SNOWS**

**LADY OF THE SNOWS**  
(Majczyk-Parrella) F.D. to I.D. White with a creamy tone of size 10 x 6". Back petals recurve to stem forming a full, deep, round flower. Plant with large, leathery foliage is a vigorous grower with strong stems. This is a dahlia that can take hot weather as both plant and flower stood right up in the 95 to 100 degree days. Blooms early and late. Flowers have excellent substance. We honestly believe this is about the best all around large white to date. Bush grows about 5 feet.

**Root \$4.00    Plant \$2.00**





LINDA MARSCHNER

NOTE—My grandchild Linda holding the huge bloom

**LINDA MARSCHNER** (Tomeczak-Parrella)—Size 9" x 5". Spreading bush 4 feet tall. Ten to twelve inch stems hold blooms on side at 45° angle. Color white with creamy center. This variety is named for our granddaughter.  
Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.50

**LEANDER**—A. S. C. Warm velvety red, heavily tipped yellow. A giant exhibition dahlia of fine shade and good depth.  
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**LYNN FONTANNE** (Lee-Parrella) S. C. to I. D.—One of the very largest and a frequent winner in the largest bloom class. Color spectrum red with some chrome petaloids. The 12" x 7" blooms have excellent substance and are held well up on ideal stems. Plant is vigorous. Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**MADAME E. NAGELS** Str.C—White and rose. An attractive flower with split petals.  
Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25

**MADONNA**—I. D. to S. C.—Beautiful large white that can be grown 11" x 7". Blooms have excellent substance and are held facing on good stems.  
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00



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To avoid disappointment order early. Stock limited on some varieties.

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**MAFFIE S. C.**—Color intense bright red. Huge blooms, that frequently win for the largest or best in the show. Tall open grower. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

**MARGARET DUROSS**—For price and description see back cover.

**MARIE LAYNE** (Parrella) F. D.—Bluish lavender with some magenta flecks. The 9" x 4½" blooms are held at a perfect angle on good stems. Bush is vigorous with dark green leathery foliage. This dahlia won seedling award at the New York Show and was named for the soprano artist Marie Layne. **Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50**

**MARY ELIZABETH** (Robens) I. D. Cherry red. Very large. Very free bloomer. A stand out. Won as largest and best bloom at Cleveland show. On four honor rolls. **Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.25**

**MILDRED AHLGREN** (Twardowski-Parrella) I. D.—Size 9" x 4½". Color according to color chart is Amaranth Rose which is really a new, attractive, bright, lively shade of pink. Healthy plants grow about 5½ feet. Blooms profusely early and late. Flowers are held facing on good, strong stems. This dahlia was named in honor of Mildred Ahlgren, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. **Root \$2.50 Plant \$1.25**

**MICHIGAN WHITE S. C.**—This most free flowering white is ideal for cut flowers. Blooms of good substance on long stems. Won many certificates. Size 6" to 8". **Root \$1.00**

**MISS TOORONGA**—Very large. Bronzy pink. F. D.—With Great depth. Perfect reflexed formation. Strong stems of fair length. Stock very scarce. **Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00**



**MOM'S PRIDE**

**MOM'S PRIDE** (Morgan-Parrella)-St. Cactus. Color shrimp pink, suffused poppy red at center. General effect coral or deep pink.

A very deep cactus with excellent substance. Keeps good when cut. Size 7" x 4½". Blooms on side and top. This is really a cactus with character. Bush about 5 feet.

**Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.25**

**MOROCCO F. D.**—Deep Bronze. Large flower about 10".

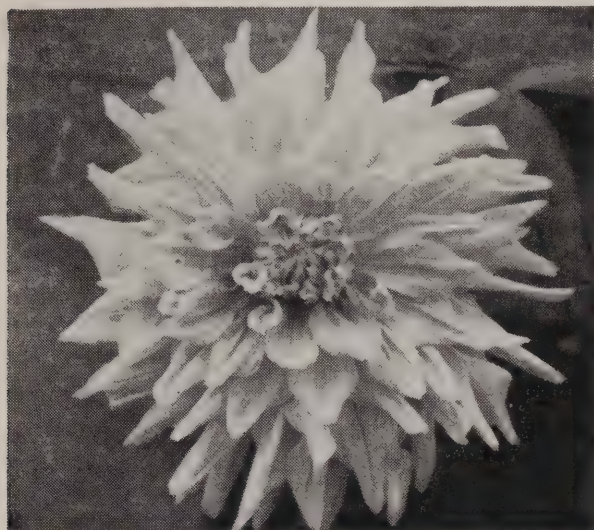
**Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50**

**MRS. GEO. LE BOUTILLIER I. D.**—A large deep crimson. **Root 75c**

**MRS. HESTER PAPE** (Pape-Rocky River) I. D.—A huge reddish purple that grows large easily. Bush growth is healthy and vigorous. Awarded plenty of prizes. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

**MURIEL STEWART I. D.**—A large orange flame beautiful dahlia to have. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**





**MRS. ALTON B. PARKER, A.-I.D.**

**MRS. ALTON B. PARKER** (Tomozak-Parrella) I. D.—Golden yellow flushed Dutch vermillion. Size 10½" x 5". The 9-12" cane like stems hold flowers facing. Foliage is dark green and vigorous, making a strong plant that grows about 4½ feet.

**Root \$4.00**

**Plant \$2.00**

**MY MEMORIES** (Robens)—Semicactus, primrose yellow. Size 10½ by 6 inches. Bush 4½ feet. Stems 10 inches; hold blooms at 45° angle. So many semicactus yellows have succumbed to disease and poor root development that this will be welcomed on show tables. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

**NANCY C. SCHARAG** I. D.—Rosy Lavender.

**Root \$1.00**

**NED SEYMOUR** (Pennypack Gardens)—I. D.—"A"—Size 14" x 9". Color red-orange. Named for the Horticultural Editor of the American Home magazine. A dahlia that will be a sensation in your garden.

**Root \$7.50 Plant \$3.00**

**NEW LOOK** (Guttler Ruschmohr)—Splendid large semi-cactus with blooms 10" to 12" on good long stems, held well up over a strong vigorous bush. Has won all kinds of prizes. **Root \$1.50**



#### **BRIEF SUGGESTIONS TO THE AMATEUR ON HOW TO GROW BETTER DAHLIAS**

1. Select easily grown varieties and those giving full satisfaction.
2. Prepare the selected planting spot well and place the supporting stake.
3. Dig a hole next to the stake, about 10 inches in diameter and 7 to 8 inches deep, and place one handful of bonemeal in the hole, or any other recommended fertilizer and mix thoroughly with the soil before planting.
4. Place roots in flat position with the sprout or "eye" facing upwards. Cover lightly with about 2 inches of soil. In doing this be careful not to damage the sprout. As the plant grows, fill around the stem with soil.
5. Do not plant too early. At times, too early planting spoils good roots. I would suggest planting from June 1st on, except in climates where a short growing season is prevalent. In that case use your own judgment.
6. Keep the soil well cultivated throughout the season, and prevent weeds from outgrowing the plant.
7. Water plants during hot weather at least once a week. Do not merely sprinkle them, but soak them. This must be done after sundown.
8. Tie the plant to the supportive stake with soft cord, at distance of 12 inches apart. This is done as an added security against destruction by wind and storm. Spray with any reliable parasiticide at least once every two weeks.
9. About August 1st, scatter a handful of bonemeal about 6 inches around the stem and rake it gently into the soil. Other fertilizers may be used if desired. Do not use excessive amounts of fertilizer as injury to the roots will result.
10. About August 15th, the same treatment as above is applied. Disbudding at this time aids in the formation of bigger and better flowers and longer stems. This should insure good results. If any other information is desirable, I will gladly forward you the same.
11. Spraying is advisable when necessary with any good recommended insecticide.





**NIGHT EDITOR**

**NIGHT EDITOR (Hulin-Parrella)—**

Informal to semi-cactus. Color cyclamen purple blended to darker peony purple. Size of blooms 9x5½". Height of plant 5 feet. Good grower with healthy dark foliage. Some blooms carried facing and some on top on good stems. Color formation and size of this variety combine to make a really attractive flower. An Honor Roll Dahlia.

Root \$2.00

Plants \$1.00

**OGDEN REID (Kelly-Parrella) I. D.**—A massive dahlia that grows naturally, around 12". Color effect is bright rose with gold shadings. A dahlia of real merit.

Root \$1.00

**OLD GLORY (Piffman-Dahliadel) F. D.**—A consistent bi-color of signal red evenly tipped white. The 7 to 8 by 4 blooms are produced freely early and late. A striking and pleasing bi-color.

Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

**OTILIE ZOUREK (Zourek-Parrella) I. D.**—This is a good white that received a certificate at Storrs back in '48. Size 9" to 10" by 5" to 6" deep. A strong bush with good vigorous growing habits.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**OTTO'S THRILL (Aumuller-Ruschmohr)**—Formal decorative, bright rose pink with slight edge of yellow on petals. Size, 11 by 6 inches. Stems, 8 inches, hold blooms on side. Bush 5 to 6 feet.

Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.50

**PREAS' PRIDE (Preas-Ruschmohr) A—S.C. Bicolor, Purple, White Tips.** A most beautiful bicolor. A sport of popular Jane Lausche. Instead of lavender as in Jane Lausche, this sport is a deep orchid purple with white tips. Comes true, with deep purple and is white tipped 90 per cent of blooms. Dr. Preas has tested this one for 3 years and rogued out all lavender throwbacks to original parent. Won tri-color as best S.C. in the Long Island show. Size 10 to 11 inches by 7 to 8 inches. Bush 4 to 5 feet.

Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00

**POSTMASTER ALBERT GOLDMAN "A" I. D. (Parrella)**—Light primrose yellow. Very clean color and good form. Petals wave. Received a Silver Medal Certificate in Seedling Class, New York Show. Size 11 by 6 inches. Stems 10 to 12 inches. Holds flowers side or at 45 degrees. If you like a large dahlia, this is it. Named in honor of our New York Postmaster. Bush 5 feet.

Root 2.50 Plant \$1.25



**PRIDE OF PARKERSBURG A-SC-Y (Smith)**—A deep primrose yellow, semi cactus. Good form and stems. Winner of Achievement Medals in Cleveland and East Liverpool in 1947. On FLOWER GROWER'S Honor Roll in 1949, the year before being introduced. A good one that many overlooked. Size 10" x 6".  
Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50

**PINK CUT, F. D.**—A beautiful pink. A good substitute for Jersey Beauty.  
Root \$1.00

**PRIDE OF HOLLAND St. C**—A Rose Pink attractive flower.  
Root \$1.50

**ROCKLEY DAZZLER S. C.**— One of the very best. Red medium size cut flower.  
Root \$1.25

**REES LILY (REES)**—Giant. White formal on long stems. Most perfect bloom at St. Louis show in 1952. Good root maker and grower.  
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**RIESEN WUNDER B.-S.C.**—Carmine purple and yellow.  
Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00

**ROYAL JESTER (Rocky River)**—Informal decorative, dark red. Size, 10 by 5 inches. Stiff stems. Plant very vigorous with blackish green foliage.  
Root \$5.00 Plant \$2.50

**RUBY GLOW (Parrella) F. D.**—In a purple color. Size 5½" x 3½". Good stems and good substance. Bronze medal at A.D.S. Show. Excellent garden plant and flower.  
Root \$1.00

**RUFFLED GIANT F. D.**—Golden red of large size. Most profuse bloomer.  
Root \$1.50

**RUTH M S. C.**—Purple New, coming soon

**SAINT LAMBERT S. C.**—Ivory & Rose, very lovely, medium size Dahlia  
Root \$1.50

**SELMA K (Kraemer-Parrella) —**  
A small, full petaled cactus. Color phlox purple with a white base. Formation and color are different and hard to describe but it is a colorful and beautiful little flower that deserves a place in your garden. Plants grow about 4½ feet. Size 4½ x 3. Petals are notched and rolled to tips. This little gem keeps exceptionally well when cut.

Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00



SELMA K



- SALLY KLEIN** (Kelly-Parrella)—Color, a blending of pink and yellow. The large 10" blooms are carried erect on good cane-like stems, and have good substance. A dependable dahlia. Root \$2.50    Plant \$1.25
- SARETT'S PINK FLAMINGO**—An incurved cactus of clear rose pink. Exquisite in color and formation. Winner of three Achievement Medals. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- SCARSDALE SON S. C.**—An exceptional good yellow dahlia Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- SON OF SATAN S. C.**—Intense flame red on excellent stems. Blooms 11" x 5". A good garden variety. Root \$1.25
- SPECIAL AWARD** (Robens) Inf. to S. C.—General color tangerine with some gold in face of petals. Will grow large naturally. On 3 Honor Rolls and Achievement Medal Winner. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- STOP LIGHT S. C.**—Scarlet red. Root \$1.50
- SHIEK S. C.**—Pink cream center. Very beautiful. Medium sized flowers. Root \$1.00
- SO BIG A.-I.D.**—Large lavender of fine form. A good exhibition variety. Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50
- STIRLING I. D.**—Snow white and blue tint. A bright exhibition bloom on good stems. Size 10 x 5. Root \$5.00    Plant \$2.00
- STORM CLOUD S. C.**—Purple Red. Large. Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50
- SHOWBOAT** (Burrell-Ballay)—Formal decorative, white. Size, 12 by 5 inches, another white giant. Stem, cane-like, 8 to 10 inches. Bush, 4 feet, spreading, with broad thick-leaved foliage. Blooms have excellent substance. Root \$7.50    Plant \$3.00
- SURPRISE** (Baker-Rocky River)—The undefeated seedling champion of 1954. Eight Achievement Medals. Peach semi cactus. 11" x 5½". Root \$4.00    Plant \$2.00
- THE CARDINAL** (Baker-Ruschmohr)—This cardinal red semi-cactus won the Derrill Hart Award and many other prizes. Tall rugged grower. Desirable and dependable. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- TARTAN I. D.**—An exceptional and distinct bi-color. Darkest mahogany petals are edged and tipped white. Bloom of medium size on a perfect stem. Plant height, 5 feet. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- THE VOLUNTEER** (Whittaker-Ruschmohr) I. D. — The large peony purple blooms keep their color without fading in the sun. A vigorous grower with strong stems to support the 11" x 7" flowers. Certified at 3 trial grounds. Won 2 Achievement Medals and 2 A.D.S. Seedling Awards. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- TIARA BROWN I. D.**—A bi-color in glistening orange, peach tipped white, the 10" x 6" blooms are carried on excellent stems. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- TIDAL WAVE F D. to I. D.**—This giant yellow is one of the very largest. Huge blooms are held perfectly up on ideal stems. Top winner of the Royal Society Trials at Sydney, Australia. Root \$2.00    Plant \$1.00
- VALERIE WATSON F. D.**—An Australian variety. Size 10 x 6, color yellow suffused rose. A dependable well formed variety. Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50
- VARIETY GIRL F. D. 8**—Orange gold with white tips. This variety is exceptionally good. Bloom is erect on perfect stem. Root \$1.00
- VIVIANNE COPPENS**—A pretty pink cactus on long stems. Root \$1.00
- TWOSOME F. D.**—Bi-Color—Don't overlook this medium size dahlia, early and profuse bloom. Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50



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The dahlias of yesterday were beautiful, the dahlias of today are divine, but the dahlias of the future no one knows.

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**VENITA** (Cramer-Parrella) F.D.—Light carmine rose with flushes of straw yellow and yellow center. Back petals close right back to stem forming a full petaled, deep flower with back of bloom almost as beautiful as the front. High perfect centers always. Profuse bloomer early and late. Stems are excellent and hold blooms well up in perfect position. Foliage is strong, thick and vigorous. Won seedling award at American Dahlia Society Show in New York. Plant grows about 4½ feet. Size of bloom 8" x 6".

**Root \$2.50**

**Plant \$1.25**

### VENITA



### OUR GUARANTEE

1. Only tried and selected roots are sent out.
2. I try to practise the golden rule in dealing with my customers.
3. I try to hold prices at reasonable levels.
4. I try to present to the dahlia growing fraternity varieties that are easily grown and give full satisfaction.

Finally I make every effort to keep my stock clean and free from disease, and if notified, will gladly replace any that proves unsatisfactory.

### SHIPPING

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WANDA MEADE

**WANDA MEADE**—A medium sized dahlia of scarlet red, evenly tipped white that has won scads of prizes. Blooms average from 5" to 7" with good depth. One of the prettiest dahlias in commerce. **Root \$1.25**

**WHITEHALL** (Silverio Johnson)—A large, white semi-cactus with 10" to 12" blooms. Won two Achievement Medals, Gold Medal Certificate and thirty First Prizes. A "must" in the whites. **Root \$2.00 Plant \$1.00**

**WALLAH A. S. C.**—Ruby red. Tall grower. Blooms last well on the plant or when cut. Prolific bloomer. Size 9½ x 6. One real good one from Australia. **Root \$4.00 Plant \$2.00**

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Have you been looking for an outstanding dahlia, that you would like to name after yourself, or some beloved friend? If you have, then I have the seed from which these beauties can be raised, as can be attested to by the many visitors to my gardens the past season.

My seed is hand picked and selected from over 300 varieties of Honor Roll dahlias, in my gardens, and it is for this reason, and this reason only, that I can give the following **GUARANTEE**, that more than 50% of these will show full, double and tight centers, and that among these you will get some that are as good, if not better than any outstanding variety you have in your garden, no matter what they are.

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**100 Seeds \$5.00 Net**

**(Trial packet \$1.00)**





**YELLOW MASTERPIECE**

**YELLOW MASTERPIECE** (Murphy-Parrella) F. D.—Rich, soft, clear, empire yellow. Petals roll back to stem forming a large flower 11" x 7" or larger, with excellent keeping qualities. The 8"-10" stems hold flowers facing. Unusual strong, thick foliage for a yellow. A splended free blooming garden plant that seemed to intrigue our many visitors with its size and beauty and many put it down as a "must."

Root \$5.00

Plant \$2.50

**YOWA MATSUOKA I. C.**—Dark Red

Root \$2.00

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**CLARA CLEMENS**—Red, white tips.

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**CHARLOTTE CALDWELL**—Orchid Coral

Root **50c**

**DANDY BALL**—Lavender.

Root **\$1.00**

**ROSY DAWN**— Light bi-color, yellow with rose pink.

Root **75c**

**SUPT. AMHYRN**—Clear rose pink.

Root **50c**



## MINIATURE DAHLIAS - Roots Only

**ANDIES ORANGE**—Bright orange. **\$1.00**

**ANN Z. M. F. D.** (Boram-Parrella)—A lovely new miniature of Lemon Chrome, blushed Old Rose. Size of blooms average 2½ to 3 inches. Tight center. Flowers held on best of stems. A free and prolific bloomer and a grand Miniature in every respect. Height 3 ft. **\$1.00**

**BISHOP OF LLANDORF** (Duplex)—Red, plant very unusual, foliage almost black. **50c**

**BLACKIE** (Campbell-Parrella-Min.)—F. D. Oxblood red. Profuse bloomer. Size 3¼" x 2¼". The 8" - 10" stems hold blooms up in good position. This little gem had many admirers in our gardens. **Root \$1.00**

**BO-BO F. D.** Yellow flushed scarlet. **Root .75**



**BUTTERSCOTCH** (Fuschetti-Parrella)—Min. F. D. Bi-color. Edge and base of petals bright aurelien yellow, tipped white. Petals crinkly, foliage dark and in proportion to size of blooms. This is a bright, attractive little variety that has won several blue ribbons in the New Jersey shows. Also American Home Achievement medal at Branch Brook Park, Newark, New Jersey in 1953. The 3" x 1½" blooms are held up in good 4" to 6" stems.

**Root \$2.50**

**Plant \$1.25**

Butterscotch, Min. Morning Mist, Pom.

**CORALLETTE**—Coral pink. **.75**

**CORINNA, MFD.**—Deep Yellow **.75**

**DUKE** (Chappaqua-Parrella)—Miniature F. D. light blend of marigold orange on yellow base. Height of plant 3½ feet. **Root \$1.50**

**GERRIE HOEK** (Min.) F. D.—This lovely rose produces an abundance of flowers. Excellent for cutting. **Root \$1.00**

**IDA S** (Slocum-Parrella) Miniature—Color wine red. Size 2½" x 2". Inclined ball shaped with lacinated petals. Stems are good and hold flowers facing on top. **Root \$2.00**

**IKE S. C.**—Deep Velvet **75c**

**LILLY BELL F. D.**—Light pink. Blooms so profusely as to give loads of flower. **Root \$1.00**

**LITTLE FIRE BALL**—Bright red. **75c**

**LITTLE PANDA** (Slocum-Parrella-Min.)—F. D. Rosaline purple. Size 2¼" x 1¾" almost round. Stems 5" - 7" hold blooms at 45 degree angle and up. The 4 foot bush is covered with a mass of blooms. A wonderful garden little flower. **Root \$1.50**



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Some dahlias are wonderful, others are divine, if you want to grow the monarchs just try some of mine.

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## MINIATURE DAHLIAS - Continued



LOUISE ANN

**LOUISE ANN** Slocum-Parrella—Semi-cactus, a blend of both Rhodamine and Fusine Pink, probably to be classed as a light blend. Size  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches as a miniature but can also be grown without much disbudding as a small medium size 5 x 3 inches. Very profuse bloomer all season. Won A.D.S. Seedling Sweepstakes in New York Show in 1955. Won Flower Grower Silver Trophy for best keeping medium variety in New York in 1956. This little jewel has been named after my granddaughter.

Root \$3.00    Plant \$1.50

**LITTLE LEMON DROP** F.D.—Yellow 75c

**LITTLE REESE** strawberry red, small formal blooms outstanding for cut flower use Root \$1.00

**PEGGY LINDLEY** F.D.—Orange 75c

**SNOWSPRITE**—S. C. White 75c



## MINIATURE DAHLIAS - Continued

- TACITA** (Hulin-Parrella)—Here is a clear rose pink informal miniature of four inches. Fine keeper and steady bloomer from early till late. Stems are perfect. **\$1.50**
- TRINKET I. D.**—Dark Red **Root \$1.50**
- WHITE FAWN F. D.**—Pure white, one of the best. **75c**
- WISP** — MFD (Siebrecht-Parrella) — A new small miniature of exceptional Merit. Bright lemon yellow flowers of 2-inch size are freely produced on vigorous bushes. **\$1.00**
- WINSOME** (Chappaqua-Parrella)—Min. F. D. Size 3½" x 2¼". Color blend of light yellow and bright red. General effect almost orange. Blooms profusely on good 8" stems. Keeps well when cut and a good florist's variety. Bush about 5 feet. **Roots \$2.00 Plants \$1.00**

## EXHIBITION POMPON DAHLIAS - Roots Only

- ALBINO**—White. **75c**
- AMBER QUEEN**—Light Bronze **50c**
- BETTY ANN**—Exhibition. Soft clear pink. **50c**
- BROWNS LEO**—Red **\$1.00**
- CARDINAL**—Red **50c**
- CLOVER**—White and pink. **.75**
- EDITH MULLER**—Peach Red. **50c**
- GOLD DUST**—Yellow and red **.75**
- GERTRUDE RED** **50c**
- HONEY**—Yellow Edged Red **50c**
- IRIQUOIS LITTLE RED**—Dark red. **.75**
- KOCHELSEE**—Scarlet red. **\$1.00**
- LITTLE EDITH**—Wonderful exhibition pompon of light yellow tipped bright carmine. **50c**
- LITTLE SNOW WHITE**—White. **75c**
- MORNING MIST**—Delicate lavender. **50c**
- ROTHOUT**—Red **75c**
- SHERRY**—Violet purple. **75c**
- TINY TOT**—Dark red. **75c**
- YELLOW GEM**—Yellow. **50c**

## SINGLE DAHLIAS - Roots Only

- A. M. BERLETT**—Red **75c**
- LAVENDER GEM**—Lavender. **75c**
- MARSHALL'S GLORY**—Red, white tipped. **75c**
- ROY'S SINGLE**—rich crimson edged with white. **\$1.00**
- SCARLET CENTURY**—Scarlet Red. **75c**
- TANGO CENTURY**—Orange and gold. **50c**
- THE DUCHESS**—Purple Yellow Center **75c**
- WHITE CENTURY** **75c**
- LA GIACONDA**—Red and yellow collarette **\$1.00**

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- SNEEZY**—White. **75c**
- BRUNO**—Spanish orange and blood red. **75c**
- BONNY ESPERANCE**—Pink **75c**
- TOP MIX**—Purple **75c**



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It is with pleasure that I present you with this, my Dahlia Catalogue for 1958. Your generous and kind support is thoroughly appreciated and inspires me to continued effort to make available to you only the best.

This catalog would not be complete if I were not to take advantage of the opportunity to thank you for your many letters telling of various successes obtained from stock purchased from me. I am grateful to those who have been able to visit my gardens as well as those who have inspected my exhibits at the American Dahlia Society Shows, and many other shows we attend, because I feel my dahlias speak best for themselves.

To those who are familiar with my stock, no introduction is necessary and you have my pledge that the same quality will not only continue but improve if such is possible. To those who have not tried my service this is an invitation, an invitation that may prove a real opportunity for you to realize something you may not have been able to obtain elsewhere and no order is too small nor is any contract too large, I am pleased to serve you.

ALBERT PARRELLA.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE — DO NOT OVERLOOK

Due to the limited space we are compelled to be brief with our descriptions. However, we want our patrons to know that the varieties listed in this Catalog are either Honor Roll Certificate Winners or has proven with us to be truly outstanding.

### VISITORS ARE WELCOME

You are cordially invited to bring along as many friends as you possibly can to my gardens at any time after August 15th and see this magnificent sight. You are under no obligation to buy, but welcomed and I will be as happy to see you as you will be to see this magnificent collection of gorgeous massive flowers in all of the colors, shades, and tints of the rainbow.

I will have over 300 varieties, most of them Honor Roll dahlias, as well as many promising seedlings, and many new ones sent by other growers for trial and that have not been released for sales as yet, as well as many novelties.

We want to thank those who have sent to us Seedlings for trial this past season. Assure you we have given them the best of attention. We would appreciate receiving more of them for the coming season providing they are good. We will do all we can to put them over.

### A WORD ABOUT OUR DAHLIA PLANTS

We only offer plants of the most expensive varieties. You can secure plants at a much reasonable price. Our plants are made from base cuttings, and aren't over-propagated. We send out fine sturdy plants, well packed and GUARANTEED to reach you in perfect condition. If you take proper care of them you will not be disappointed.

### DIRECTIONS FOR REACHING PARRELLA DAHLIA GARDENS

Customers can easily reach our place by taking the Seventh Ave. Express (marked Dyre Ave.) and get off at Baychester Ave. This is one station before the last stop. Our Gardens are only two blocks from Baychester Avenue. Inquire at Station, anyone will direct you to our Gardens. The fare is only 1 Cent.

BY AUTO: Follow the Boston Post Road to either ELY AVENUE or GRACE AVENUE. Grace Avenue is more convenient for your parking space, turn EAST here five hundred feet and you are at the center of our Gardens.

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## JUST A FEW OF OUR MANY TESTIMONIALS

Mr. Albert Parrella  
New York, N. Y.  
My Dear Friend:

As your slogan goes, "Leave it to Parrella and you have a surprise in store." Well Friend, I got more than a surprise with the Dahlia Roots that I ordered from you a short time ago. I went to the Post Office yesterday morning seeking my package from you, and sure enough it was there—you can draw a mental picture of my thoughts on my way home, just what did Mr. Parrella pack in such a large container and weighing so much—on my arrival at home I proceeded to appease my anticipation and opened the package and it is needless for me to say what I did find therein—losing no time I planted the whole lot and with the help of the Good Lord I will have something to show this year.

A. G. O.  
Lafayette, La., May 26, 1957



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## Parrella Dahlias Known and Grown the World Over! Why Not?

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Parrella Dahlia Gardens,

Dear Sirs:

Last spring I purchased and planted 100 Dahlia seeds from you. I was delighted with the results of my venture. I grew about sixty plants from the packet. I am quite sure that more plants came up but I was out of town for one month so was unable to get the plants out of the cold frame as soon as they were ready, so they became too crowded and some were lost. I feel that I cannot properly express the delight I had with those plants, they bloomed very freely until cut down by frost one week before Thanksgiving. All but four of them produced double blooms of large size and really breath-taking beauty and those were colors I had never seen in Dahlias before.

Mrs. Wm. W. C.

Dear Mr. Parrella:

Just a line to thank you for the lovely Dahlias you sent to me. "Linda Marschner" was the talk of the neighborhood — a Flower Show by itself; ten to twelve large blooms out at one time and always in bloom.

### HOW TO GROW DAHLIA FROM SEED

There are many ways that dahlia seeds are started, and grown, on account of the different climatic conditions, and the length of the growing season, here in New York City, I have been getting wonderful results as follows: About April 1st, I select an open sunny location in my garden and spade this to a depth of about 8 inches and rake the soil until it is finely broken, and not lumpy, then with a hoe make trenches about 4 inches in depth and about 12 inches apart.

Then place a seed about every 2 inches apart in these trenches and cover with about one half inch of soil, water lightly and cover with about 2 or 3 inches of peat moss, as a protection against a slight frost or cold. About May 1st carefully remove the peat moss and in another week or two you will see the young dahlia plants breaking through the ground, add a little more soil to the trench and around the plants that are showing above ground, so that they will get better and stronger root formation. About June 1st many of these plants will be about 4 or 5 inches above the ground, showing two to three sets of leaves and the stems will be about the thickness of an ordinary match. They are then about the right size for transplanting.

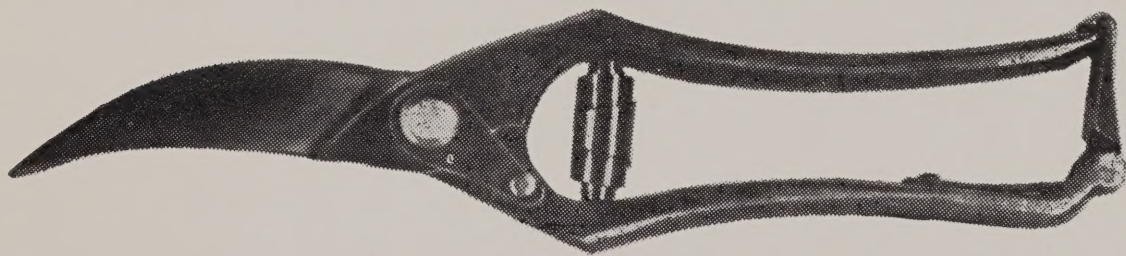
In colder climates and where the growing season is not so long, is to start the seeds in boxes or flats about 20 inches long, 12 inches wide and 4 inches deep. Make 3 or 4 trenches about 2 inches deep and plant the seed about every 2 inches apart in these trenches and cover with about a half inch of soil. These seeds should be planted about 2 months before it is reasonably safe to transplant the young plants out into the open.

The box should be kept in a warm room and near a window that faces a sunny location. About 2 or 3 weeks later, they will be breaking out of the ground and when they are about 3 or 4 inches high, they should be removed from the box and transplanted into 3 inch flower pots, and on warm, sunny days, should be left out into the open to gradually harden, and when you believe that the time is right for their permanent transplanting as described above, then plant them as directed, and they will grow into strong, healthy plants, as good if not better than plants grown from tubers.

Of course if you have a greenhouse or a cold frame facilities, it will simplify matters by starting your seeds about March 15th and using the above last two paragraph principles.

ALBERT PARELLA.

### DAHLIA SHEARS KAMPHAUS SOLINGEN DAHLIA SHEARS



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NOTE—My little grandchild Rhonda Parrella holding the huge bloom  
**MARGARET DUROSS**

**MARGARET DUROSS** (Fuchs-Parrella)—I. D.—A large, auroelian yellow, flushed scarlet, almost orange. Size 11" x 5" or larger. Cane stems 12"-15" hold blooms facing. Bushes are vigorous with healthy foliage and grow about 6 feet. Good bloomer early and late. **Root \$3.00 Plant \$1.50**

NOTE: Margaret Duross is named in honor of the garden editor of the N. Y. Journal American. It has been placed on 3 Honor Rolls.

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